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SENATE BILL

No. 480

**Introduced by Senator Johannessen
(Coauthors: Senators Monteith, Oller, and Soto)**

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cardenas, Chavez, Cogdill, Cox, Diaz, Dickerson, Kelley, Maddox, Robert Pacheco, Pavley, Pescetti, Strickland, and Wyman)

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An act relating to veterans, ~~and~~ making an appropriation therefor, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 480, as amended, Johannessen. California Military Museum.

Existing law provides for the establishment of the California Military Museum, located in the Old Sacramento State Historic Park.

This bill would appropriate from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Bond Fund to the California Military Museum the sum of \$125,000 for the 2001–02 fiscal year.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature in enacting these provisions.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~ ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:
- 3 (a) In 1981, the State of California authorized the Adjutant
4 General of the California National Guard to establish a military
5 museum under Section 179 of the Military and Veterans Code.
- 6 (b) In 1983, the California Military Museum Foundation
7 established a military museum in historic Old Sacramento near the
8 California State Railroad Museum.
- 9 (c) In 1993, the Legislature transferred Civil War artifacts from
10 the State Capitol to the California Military Museum under Section
11 179.5 of the Military and Veterans Code.
- 12 (d) In 1995, the California Military Museum was designated as
13 the official military museum of California by the Governor.
- 14 (e) In 2000, Chapter 16 of the Statutes of 2000 authorized the
15 transfer of unclaimed military awards and decorations from the
16 Controller to the California Military Museum.
- 17 (f) The California Military Museum maintains, preserves, and
18 displays military artifacts and equipment at California National
19 Guard facilities located in Los Alamitos, Camp San Luis Obispo,
20 and Camp Roberts.
- 21 (g) The California Military Museum is the official United
22 States Department of the Army historical holding for the
23 California National Guard, as designated by the United States
24 Army Center for Military History.
- 25 (h) During the decade of the 1990s, the closing of numerous
26 military installations of all services in California, including Ford
27 Ord, the Presidio of San Francisco, and Mather Air Force Base
28 caused numerous historical California military memorabilia and
29 collections to be lost, scattered, or placed in storage and created a
30 substantially increased demand on the California Military
31 Museum in terms of space, staff, and financial obligations.
- 32 (i) California remains the state with both the largest number of
33 military veterans and military retirees in the United States, and this
34 situation, that began after World War II, continues today.



(j) Much of the history of California has been involved with the wars fought by the United States in Europe, the Pacific Rim, and the Middle East.

(k) The California Military Museum currently has for display over 30,000 artifacts that include weapons, uniforms, unit records, battle flags, medals, and other information of great historical significance from the early beginnings of Spanish California, and continuing through the Bear Flag Republic, the American Civil War, the Spanish-American War, and all military wars and emergencies of the 20th century.

(l) It is in the best interest of all Californians and the nation that urgent steps be taken to preserve and protect the military artifacts and memorabilia that make up California's military history.

SEC. 2. The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) is hereby appropriated from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection (Villaraigosa-Keeley Act) Bond Fund created pursuant to Section 5096.310 of the Public Resources Code, to the California Military Museum for the 2001–02 fiscal year.

SEC. 3. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

In order to provide funds to the California Military Museum for the entire 2001–02 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2001, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.